High level enquiry on the attack on Poonch police station

1746. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level enquiry was instituted into the attack on the main police station in the town of Poonch (Jammu and Kashmir State), which resulted in the loss of precious lives, for finding out security lapses;

(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, a preliminary enquiry was conducted by the IGP Jammu, on the basis of which, disciplinary action has been taken against the concerned SHO.

Communal riots in Malegaon in Maharashtra

1747. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communal riots took place in Malegaon in Maharashtra and in other States, in October last week this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the casualties therein and the causes therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to bring the culprits to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Riots took place in Malegaon, Maharashtra during the last week of October this year. The State Govt. has ordered a judicial inquiry into the whole incident under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence maintenance of law and order as well as communal harmony are the primary concern of the State Government. In so far as the Union Government are concerned, the Government have been providing assistance to the State Governments in a variety of ways to tackle the issues causing communal cleavage-both administrative and promotional-in a sustained manner *i.e.* assistance in improving their policing infrastructure, sending alert messages periodically, sharing intelligence with them, providing Central Para-military

Forces including the composite Rapid Action Force on specific request and issuing guidelines from time to time to promote communal harmony.

The activities of all organisations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, wherever necessary.

Illegal activities of Bangladeshis living in India

†1748. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladeshis living in India are being found involved in thefts and other misdeeds;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been carried out by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the Bangladeshis living in India have been found involved in thefts and other misdeeds.

(b) and (c) Law and order being a State subject, investigations are carried out by the State Police authorities as and when incidents involving Bangladeshis in thefts and other misdeeds are reported. Data pertaining to thefts etc. is not being maintained Centrally.

CPSUs due to CISF

1749. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Central Public Sector Undertakings owe crores of rupees of CISF for deployment of forces;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether CISF have taken any concrete steps to recover the arrears from CPSUs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether some of the CPSUs have closed down without paying any arrears

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.